10th March ami 3r,| April. 1986 regarding reduction in indigenous price of DM f as eduction in customs duty on import of DMT/PTA;

(b) if so, v,hit reasons have been advan. ecu by the Association i_n support oi their demand; and

what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Memoranda dated the 2lst January the 10th March and 'he 3rd April, 1986 on the subject have been received from the Association of Sen-thelic Fibre Industry, Bombay. In these iranda, the Association have mainly requested for reduction in impoit duty on DMTjPTA and also reduction in the indigenous prices of DMT.

(l>) The reasons advanced by the Association for $reductio_n$ in customs duty on imported DMTPTA and reduction in in- prices of DMT are, *inter-ali* in the cost of production of polyestesr con-i to increase in customs duty on DMTjPTA. price increase by Hie indigenous DMT manufacturers not iustif.ed by th price worked out by BTCP. high (II price of PTA as compared to that of DM I, technological advantage in using PTA instead of DMT for the manufacture of polyester, and gain in revenue i_n directly importing PTA, which has a higher CIF value, in of the raw materials for manufacture of DMT viz., Paraxylenc and Methanol.

el Having regard to the findings of HUP. the representations received from I to time from th,. trade including the iiion of Synthetic Fibre Industry, the fact that production of DMT has already been established in the country and as DMT i : PTA ca,, both h_c used as raw materials in the manufacture of synthetic fibrejyarn. etc. the rate structure of import duty on DMTjPTA has been revised [,, April. 1986 in .the interest of indigenous produci DMT in the country.

Removal of excise duty On .nosfara rape-seed refined oil 1.175. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MA-I WIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE he pleased to slate:

(a) whether a representation dated the !()th March 1986 in th^. Cffl Refiners Association. Jaipur, was submitted to him demanding removal of excise duty on mustard | rape-seed refined oq to bring it at par with soyabeanjcottOB seed oil; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): ia) and (b) Yes, Sir. Having regard to relevant considerations the Government has reduced the excise duty on refined mustardlrapessed oil from Rs. 1500|-.per MT to Rs. 750|-per MT with effect from 24th April. 1986.

Losses incurred by Hotel Kaliaga Adiok, Bhulmneslnvar

1176. SHRI SAHA PRAKASH MALAVIYA; Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) WIIIM was the net loss incurred by Hotel Kalinga Ashok, Bhubancshwar, during the period from 1st April, 1985 to 31st March |yis'6 and what are. the reasons therefor; and

!>) whether the Hotel earned any profit during the financial yc.r 1984-85 ;md if so, how much?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT); (a) The net loss incurred h\ Hotel Kalinga Ashok, Bhuba neshwar during the period from 1st April, 1985 t_0 31st March, 1986 was Rs. 20.65 lakhs (Provisional).

The main reasons for the losses i_n the hole] are as follows:—

—On-going expansion works of the hotel affecting room occupancy:

—Addition of new hotels i_n the Private Sector with better facilities;

—Non materializtion of some group I bookings.

(b) No. Sir.

Production of. foodgrains during the year 1985-86

1177. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state;

(a) what was the target $_0$f production of food'grains fixed for the year 1985-86;

(b) whether the above target has been attained;

(c) what were the targets fixed for procurment of wheat and rice during the above period for distribution under the public distribution system;

(d) how much was actually procured; and

(e) what are hte targets fixed for the year 1986-87?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) The productio$_n$ target for foodgrains fixed for the yea$_r$ 1985-86 is 159.2 million tonnes and the anticipated achievement is i$_n$ the rang$_e$ of 146.0 to 148.5 million tonnes.

(c) to (e) Since procurement of wheat and paddy are done under voluntary price support and rice under statutory levy, no targets for procurement of these grains are fixed. During the 1985-86 rabi marketing season (April, '85 to March '86) 103.45 lakh tonnes of wheat was procured. Procurement of rice in th$_e$ 1985-86 kharif marketing season (October '85 to September '86) ha$_s$ been 91.28 lakhs tonnes till 1st May, 1986.

Evasion of taxes by Multinational drug companies

1178. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will thr Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that multinational drug companies are avoiding tax by claiming huge amounts running into crores of rupees, under the head of drug prices equalisation accounts (O.P.E.A.); if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what steps Government hav$_e$ taken or propose to take to check this malpractice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Liability to contribute to Drug Prices Equalisation Accounts arises on account of Drug (Prices Control) order 1979 issued under the Essential Commodities Act. As the contribution to Drug Prices Equalisation Account is a statutory liability, question of any tax avoidance on this account does not arise.

राष्ट्रीय उपभोक्ता सहकारी संघ के माध्यम से विदेशी माल की बिक्री

1179. **श्री सुशील चन्द मोहन्ता :**
श्री हुक्मदेव नारायण यादव :
श्री राम नरेश कुशवाहा :

क्या **खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय उपभोक्ता सहकारी संघ के माध्यम से विदेशी माल की बिक्री की जाती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान इस संघठन को कितने मूल्य का माल बेचने के लिए दिया गया और संगठन ने उससे कितना लाभ अर्जित किया; और

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान संगठन ने अपने अधिकारियों को यात्रा भत्ता, विश्राम भत्ता तथा अन्य भत्तों के रूप में कितनी राशि का भुगतान किया ?

योजना मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री तथा खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत पांजा) : (क) जी हां । सीमा शुल्क प्राधिकारियों द्वारा जब्त की गई विदेशी वस्तुएं राष्ट्रीय उपभोक्ता सहकारी संघ के माध्यम से बेची जाती हैं ।

(ख) राष्ट्रीय उपभोक्ता सहकारी संघ द्वारा दी गई सूचना के अनुसार, पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान सीमा शुल्क विभाग